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SUBJ: LISBON PRESS TREATMENT OF POSTPONEMENT ROME NPG MEETING

1. BOTH LISBON MORNING NEWSPAPERS OCTOBER 31 CARRIED SHORT IDENTICAL INSIDE NEWS ACCOUNTS BASED ON REUTERS STORY OUT OF BRUSSELS REGARDING POSTPONEMENT OF ROME NPG MEETING ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 7. SPECULATIVE HEADLINES IN BOTH PAPERS SUGGEST THAT USG LACK OF CONFIDENCE IN PORTUGAL BECAUSE OF COMMUNISTS IN GOVERNMENT AT ROOT OF POSTPONEMENT DECISION.

2. REUTERS FIVE-PARAGRAPH STORY SIMPLY STATES THAT NATO SPOKESMEN HAVE REFUSED TO COMMENT ON SPECULATION THAT USG FEAR THAT COMMUNISTS IN GOP MIGHT COMPROMISE TOP SECRET ATOMIC INFORMATION MAIN REASON FOR POSTPONE-
MENT. SPOKESMAN ALLEGEDLY CITED AS REASON FOR DELAY HEAVY WORKLOAD ON MINISTERS OF NATO COUNTRIES, WHO HAVE DECIDED INSTEAD TO DISCUSS NPG MATTERS AT REGULAR DECEMBER NATO SESSION IN BRUSSELS.

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3. UNIDENTIFIED NATO FUNCTIONARIES QUOTED AS HAVING

SAID IT NOT TO BE RULED OUT THAT USG SEEKING TO POSTPONE
ROME MEETING UNTIL AFTER MARCH CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY
ELECTIONS IN PORTUGAL. SAME SOURCES ALLEGE THERE EXIST
NO REASONS TO BELIEVE THAT GOP CANNOT REMAIN PART OF
NPG UNTIL ITS TURN EXPIRES AT END OF NEXT YEAR.

4. THERE HAS BEEN NO EDITORIAL COMMENT IN MORNING
PAPERS, BUT MAY BE IN UPCOMING EDITION OF EXPRESSO SATURDAY.
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